LISH WHITSON
FBI Special Agent

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Lish Whitson, 82, a retired FBI special agent, died of cardiopulmonary arrest June 24 at his home in Bethesda.

Mr. Whitson was born in Saunemin, Ill. He graduated from the University of Illinois and received a law degree from the University of Arizona law school. While in law school, he taught speech and drama at the University of Arizona. He practiced law briefly in Tucson before joining the FBI in 1935.

He served as a special agent in the Southwest until 1942, when he was transferred to the Washington area. He retired in 1972.

His wife, the former Clytie Collier, died in 1987.

Survivors include two children, Clytie Whitson Taylor of Salisbury, Md., and Lish Whitson Jr. of Seattle; a sister, June Ewing of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and two grandchildren.